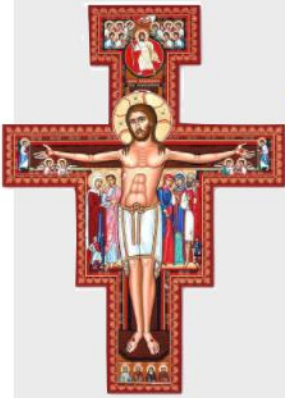


OCTOBER 27TH, 2024 | 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



St. Thomas Aquinas

CATHOLIC CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER

The Diocese of Shreveport

MISSION STATEMENT

We, as members of the St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Community of faith in the Diocese of Shreveport, affirm our mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ to both the local and Catholic college community in the Ruston, Louisiana area. We commit ourselves to God and to this community through a spirit of welcoming and service in the spirit of Christ.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00PM Vigil
Sunday: 10:00AM
1:30PM (Spanish)
7:00PM (Sept. - May)

DAILY MASSES

Monday: 8:15AM
Tuesday: 8:15AM
Wednesday: 8:15AM & 8:00PM
Thursday: 8:15AM
Friday: 12:00PM

BAPTISM

Please call the Church Office to schedule

MARRIAGE

Please call Church Office SIX MONTHS in advance to schedule

PENANCE & RECONCILIATION

Monday-Thursday 7:30AM-8:00AM
Friday 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM
Saturday: 3:30PM to 4:45PM

STAFF/TELEPHONE EXT.

Fr. Kevin Mues (318) 310-4007

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Fr. Charles Ssenyondo

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Marcie Tucker (318) 255-2870

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Interim PSR Director

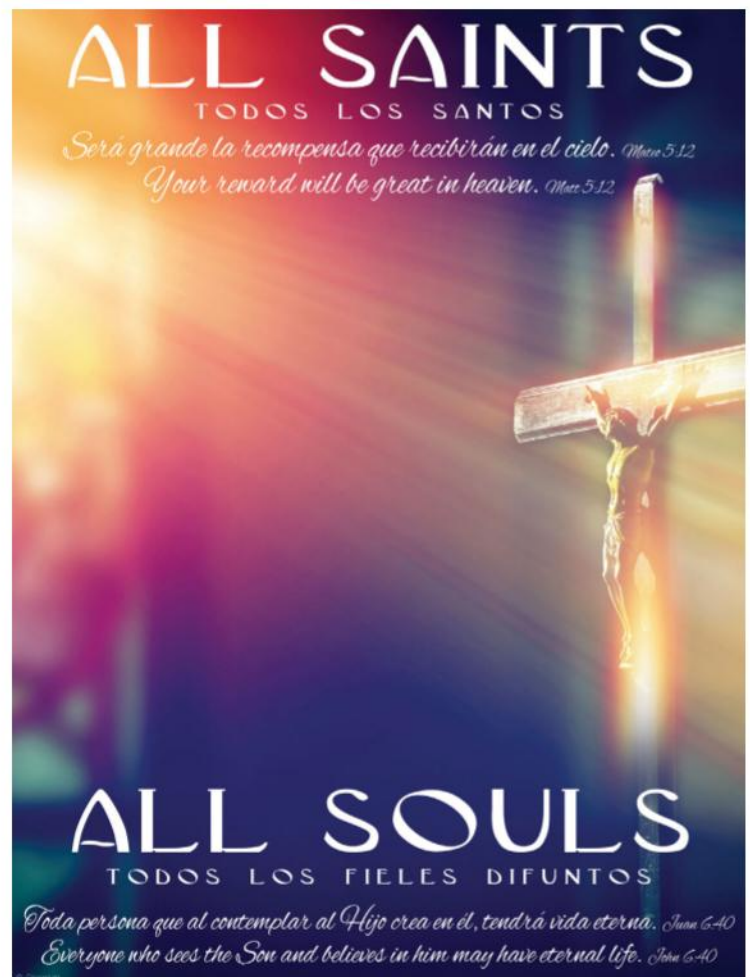
Matthew Bryan

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Thurston Allen

Chairman of Finance Council

St. Vincent de Paul Society (318)255-8090



NEW PARISHIONERS

“May the Church be a place of God’s mercy and hope, where all feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live according to the good life of the Gospel. And to make others feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged, the Church must be with doors wide open so that all may enter. And we must go out through these doors and proclaim the Gospel.” - Pope Francis

Please contact the office to register your membership if you are new in our community.

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**October 2nd**

Eric Sutherland
Andres Mujica
Mia Vallez
Jesus Castillo

October 3rd

Andre Ajanel

October 5th

Ileana Espinoza
Douglas Gerace

October 6th

Selene Kennedy

October 7th

Maria Hernandez
Fitzgerald Anderson
Alexander Anderon

October 8th

Virginia Lewis

October 9th

John Buske
Denise Ramirez
Lolita Baudoin

October 11th

Silvana Freeman
John Denny

October 12th

Brad Denny

October 13th

Delena Ashworth
Ramona Adams
Quincy Lewis

October 15th

Ricky Meier
Victoria Velazquez
Niki St. Clair

October 17th

Dylan Nash
Molly Derveloy

October 18th

Will St. Clair

October 19th

Jan Luffey

October 20th

Nina Cazenave
Paula Martin
Ann Van

October 21st

Judi Lalla
Oscar Esau Maradiaga

October 22nd

Adolfo Garcia

October 23rd

Sutton Taylor
Thalia Aguirre
Nadja Haynie

October 24th

Kathie Cordaro
Lander Smith

October 25th

Susan Benedetto

October 27th

Flint Sibayan
Sandra Cannon

October 28th

Michael Villa
Jesus Castillo

October 29th

Barbara Lewis
Kevin Serio
Kristina Stanfield
Enrique Barrientos

October 30th

McKenzie Oakley

October 31st

Jamie Watson
Leila Brumett

If I've missed your birthday, please email me at starbulletin@suddenlinkmail.com so that I can add you to the master list.

THE CALENDAR AT A GLANCE**Sunday, October 27th**

10:00 AM	Sunday Mass
1:30 PM	Misa en Español
7:00 PM	Sunday Mass

Monday, October 28th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM	Divine Mercy Chaplet

Tuesday, October 29th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
7:00 PM	El Manto de Maria

Wednesday, October 30th

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open
5:30 PM - 7:30PM	STAY
8:00 PM	Mass

Thursday, October 31st

7:30 AM - 8:00AM	Penance & Reconciliation
8:15 AM	Daily Mass
8:30 AM - 4:00PM	Church Office Open

Friday, November 1st

8:30 AM - 12:00PM	Church Office Closed
11:15 AM - 11:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
12:00 PM	Mass
5:30 PM	Mass
7:00 PM	Spanish Mass

Saturday, November 2nd

12:00PM	Hodge - Mass & blessing of the graves
3:30PM - 4:45AM	Penance & Reconciliation
5:00 PM	Vigil Mass

St. Thomas Aquinas, Ruston and St. Lucy, Hodge All Saints All & Souls Mass Schedule



All Saints Day November 1st:
Hodge - 8:30 am
Ruston - 12:00 pm, 5:30 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)
All Souls Day Nov 2: Hodge - November 2nd: 12:00 pm, followed by potluck



If you are interested in volunteering contact Mr. Greg Bimle (318) 366-5500. **Usher training information to come!**

Ministry Schedule

Saturday October 26th 2024

Lectors: Charlotte Wilkerson, Pam Allen

EMHC: Slade Richard, Bob Rorie

Altar Servers: Cedric Serio

Sunday October 27th, 2024

Lectors: Stacey Denny, Ryan Freling

EMHC: Todd Wasson, Carol Mercier, Tom Bishop, Mary Ghongkedze

Altar Servers: Ramona Bishop, Maggie & Georgia Rogers

Misa en español: Veronica Ramirez, Manuel Izaguirre

Saturday November 2nd 2024

Lectors: Dolly Hurtig, Tom Garza

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Jack, Jessie & Julie Groce

Sunday November 3rd, 2024

Lectors: Josie Bishop, Paul Jackson

EMHC:

Altar Servers: Jack Taulli, Liam Taylor, Elliott Frost

Misa en español: Angel Ventura, Marichuy Torres



Please contact the parish office to have names added to our prayer list.

Mallory Adams
Patti Hooper Allen
Quintana Atkins
Miriam Bishop
Jackie Bolden
Frankie Career
Gerald Cosentino
Bruce Cowan
Judy Darcey
Butch Doiron
Laurie Duvall
Sean Dwyer
Becky Ferrell
Robert Frasier
Mary Lou French
Roxana Gamero
Emmely Gay
Bernice Harrison
Harvey Hayes
Maureen Hinton
Connie Howard
Charles Jacobs
Karl Johnson
Magnolia Johnson
Jeffery Judice
Mary Lanning
Emily Landry

Chris Letendre
Kim Lowe
Ken Martinez
Tobie McKown
Claudia Michel
Leopoldo Michel
Larry Miller
Katherine Ned
Odi Okeke
Don Olivier
Matthew Reichert
Tristen Roberts
Pearline Robey
Laura Leigh Saleese
Jennie Schutte-Patrick
Nicole Smith
Polly Smith
Tyler Sorrels
Willie Tannerhill
Karen Taylor
Diane Theriot
Danica Tipton
Pam Turner
David & Kim St. John
Kathleen "Kathy" Walter
Janice Williams

STEWARDSHIP SUMMARY

General Sunday Collection \$11,357.00 12/13
General Sunday Collection \$6,291.00 19/20

Thank you for continued and generous support!



Flores donadas por Dolores Francisco dando gracias por una intención privada

If you would like to donate flowers in the church, please call Marcie Tucker at (318)255-2870 for more information.



Saturday October 26th

Bernice Dockery & Daisy Thompson +
(by Barbara Lewis)

Sunday October 27th

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(by Barbara Lewis)

For the parishioners of St. Thomas Aquinas

Monday October 28th

Bernadette Mariano
(by Barbara Lewis)

Tuesday October 29th

Oscar Hannibal +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Wednesday October 30th

Charles Bourgeois +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Thursday October 31st

Cynthia Murry +
(by John & Beth Buske)

Friday November 1st

Sheila Mariano
(by Barbara Lewis)

You may have Masses offered for your intentions, or for the intentions of your loved ones, both living and deceased. Please call the parish office for more information and available dates or you can now check our website <https://stthomasaquinasruston.com/calendar/>



PSR News

PSR for Dates for October - December:

- October 27th: PSR all Grades / **Confirmation, Year 1 (7th Grade Class) Inscription Ceremony at St. Thomas during 10:00 am Mass (All 7th graders and teachers should plan to attend 10:00am Mass).**
- November 3rd: PSR all Grades
- November 10th: PSR all Grades
- November 17th: **PSR all Grades / Family of Faith talk with Fr. Kevin in the Luffey Center**
- November 24th: NO PSR / Thanksgiving Break
- December 1st: PSR all Grades
- December 8th: PSR all Grades
- December 15th: **NO PSR / Advent Gathering & Christmas Play in the Luffey Center**
- December 22nd, 29th, & Jan 5th: **NO PSR / Christmas Break / No Family of Faith meeting in the month of December.** PSR will resume on January 12th.

Protecting God’s Children Upcoming Training:

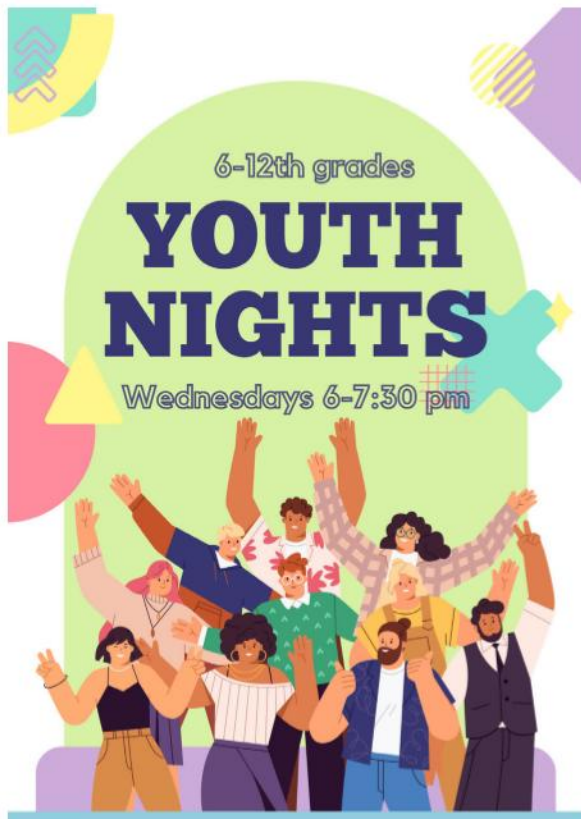
During PSR on Sunday, October 20th, all children will participate in the mandatory Diocesan lessons on Empowering God’s Children Safety Program: Teaching Boundaries and Safety. This lesson will be a quick (15 minute) presentation, and then we will continue PSR normally for the remainder of the time. If you would like to opt out of this training, please contact Mindy Bryan for an opt-out form.

STAY

La Bamba hosted our youth group last Wednesday for dinner and karaoke we're so grateful for their generosity!



Youth group baked cookies for the CCA soup for the soul fundraiser. They were delicious!





The next meeting is November 12th at noon in the Luffey Center. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 donation. We will be collecting items for soldier care packages. Scan the QR Code for item ideas!.



Peace Makers Sewing Club

All are welcome to join us as we sew with a mission. All items made will be donated (baby items, pillow cases and rosary bags. Donations will be made to Mary's House, DART and NIC unit.

Luffey Catholic Life Center Youth Room 9:15 am - noon. For more information call Cathey Barron (318) 548-3097, Sandi Adams (318) 245-0832
Weekly meetings Thursday



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" And he answers, "Master, I want to see." Let us ask Jesus for the grace to "see" our brothers and sisters who are poor and lonely.

In September, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring God's love and mercy to 22 families, providing \$4,014.11 in food, utilities and rent and other bills. God Bless You!



St Thomas Aquinas Men's Club strives to create and foster a spirit of fellowship among our members. All men are welcome! If you have any questions contact Joshua Adams (318)548-6686. **Upcoming meeting November 20, 2024 at 6:00pm**

Life Choices Fall Annual Fundraising Banquet 2024

OCT
28th
&
29th



"One Decision Changes Everything"
Special Guest: Kirk Walden

6:30
The Davison
Athletic
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Louisiana Tech
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Jubilee OF YOUTH



Embark on a Pilgrimage to Italy with the Department of Multicultural Ministries!

Join us as we celebrate the Jubilee Year 2025 and journey to the sacred sites of Assisi and Rome. This special pilgrimage provides a profound opportunity for young adults to deepen their faith and connect with others on a meaningful spiritual adventure.



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Choir practice is now on Tuesday at 6 pm in the church. Come try it out!



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Almost There!

Our ACTS members have only a couple of weeks left of class this quarter and they are staying busy. This past weekend students visited St. Lucy

Last week students also had fun at Karaoke Night! Many students got up to sing and dance – Fr. Kevin joined in too!

This week, we will have more great events. As always, on Wednesday, Dollar Lunch will be served at the center. We would love to see all of you stop by any time from 11:30-1:00pm for a home cooked meal at only a dollar!

Once again, on Friday of this week, we will celebrate Eucharistic Adoration from 6:00-7:00pm. We hope you take advantage of this beautiful opportunity. Have a great week!

Fall ACTStivities

- Mon:** Freshmen Crossing 6pm
- Wed:** Dollar Lunch 11:30-1pm
Mass 8pm
- Thu:** OCIA 6pm
- Fri:** All Saints' Day
Adoration 6-7pm
- Sat:** All Souls' Day



For more information, please visit: stac-acts.com

**¡ÁNIMO!
LEVÁNTATE,
PORQUE ÉL
TE LLAMA
MARCOS 10, 49**



**TAKE COURAGE;
GET UP, JESUS IS
CALLING YOU
MARK 10:49**



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- 99 people attended Money School
- 86 families were helped with rent or utility assistance
- 216 people were helped with their SNAP applications

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2024 Catholic Service Appeal Report

Parish and Location	Parish ID	# of Parish Families	# of Families Participating 2024 (to date)	Participation Percentage	2024 Parish Goal	Amount Pledged 2024 (to date)	% Goal Pledged	Amount Contributed 2024
Miscellaneous Contributions	1	0	37		\$ -	\$6,012		\$7,382
St. Joseph, Baytop	8	83	23	28%	\$ 9,000	\$4,450	49.4%	\$3,940
Mary, Queen of Peace	10	333	82	25%	\$ 69,000	\$57,680	83.6%	\$55,255
Christ the King - Bossier City	11	435	63	14%	\$ 28,000	\$18,005	64.3%	\$16,225
St. Jude Church - Bossier City	12	850	208	24%	\$ 144,000	\$85,001	59.0%	\$79,919
St. Ann, Elbert	25	84	32	38%	\$ 17,000	\$11,225	66.0%	\$10,330
St. Benedict the Black	31	26	7	27%	\$ 3,000	\$1,450	48.3%	\$1,425
St. Lucy - Hedge	33	48	12	25%	\$ 12,000	\$5,800	48.3%	\$5,750
St. Margaret, Homer	34	21	12	57%	\$ 12,000	\$4,965	41.4%	\$4,215
St. Patrick - Lake Providence	38	50	13	26%	\$ 9,000	\$5,375	59.7%	\$5,300
St. Joseph, Mansfield	41	97	39	40%	\$ 70,000	\$30,352	43.4%	\$26,542
St. John the Baptist - Many	44	160	39	24%	\$ 23,000	\$16,323	71.0%	\$14,780
St. Terence	45	54	9	17%	\$ 6,000	\$4,825	80.4%	\$4,825
Blessed Sacrament, Ringgold	46	19	6	32%	\$ 3,000	\$1,250	41.7%	\$1,250
St. Paul - Minden	47	80	19	24%	\$ 34,000	\$4,270	30.5%	\$3,575
Jesus the Good Shepherd	48	600	117	20%	\$ 51,000	\$7,093	13.9%	\$68,626
Little Flower of Jesus	49	146	33	23%	\$ 5,000	\$4,410	88.2%	\$4,005
Our Lady of Fatima	50	182	37	20%	\$ 27,000	\$20,025	74.2%	\$19,975
St. Matthew	52	383	47	12%	\$ 36,000	\$14,800	41.1%	\$14,225
Sacred Heart, Oak Grove	58	55	12	22%	\$ 3,000	\$1,950	65.0%	\$1,950
St. Theresa - Delhi	59	27	3	11%	\$ 3,000	\$1,100	36.7%	\$1,100
St. George, Couchatta	62	30	14	47%	\$ 12,000	\$8,340	69.5%	\$8,280
Sacred Heart, Rayville	64	40	8	20%	\$ 6,000	\$2,290	38.2%	\$2,250
St. Thomas Aquinas - Ruston	65	267	36	14%	\$ 32,000	\$21,055	65.8%	\$20,535
Holy Trinity	68	675	85	13%	\$ 75,000	\$57,523	76.7%	\$55,383
Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament	69	140	32	23%	\$ 11,000	\$6,870	62.5%	\$6,330
Sacred Heart of Jesus - Shreveport	70	132	41	31%	\$ 13,000	\$6,888	68.4%	\$6,543
Cathedral of St. John Berchmans	72	645	133	21%	\$ 189,000	\$120,592	63.8%	\$114,737
St. Joseph Church - Shreveport	73	729	199	27%	\$ 240,000	\$142,913	59.5%	\$133,489
St. Mary of the Pines	74	714	104	15%	\$ 50,000	\$38,754	77.5%	\$32,654
St. Pius X	75	152	59	39%	\$ 34,000	\$23,440	68.9%	\$21,390
St. Clement - Vinton	82	44	21	48%	\$ 11,000	\$6,245	56.8%	\$5,625
St. Paschal - West Monroe	83	499	87	17%	\$ 33,000	\$37,747	71.2%	\$35,764
St. Joseph, Zwolle	86	636	130	20%	\$ 80,000	\$54,435	68.0%	\$48,208
St. Lawrence - Swartz	90	75	8	11%	\$ 3,000	\$975	32.5%	\$855
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	91	182	14	8%	\$ 9,000	\$3,345	37.2%	\$3,345
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	93	913	176	19%	\$ 176,000	\$122,432	69.6%	\$115,347
St. Ann, Stonewall	94	110	23	21%	\$ 15,000	\$7,400	49.3%	\$6,575
TOTAL (DIOCESE)		9,716	2,022	21%	\$ 1,600,000	\$1,033,985	64.6%	\$969,744

**GUEST SPEAKER:
BARBARA SCHLEBEN**



Barb is a Systems Engineer working at Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base for the past 7 years. She retired in 2017 as a Senior Master Sergeant serving 26 years in the United States Air Force. They settled here in Shreveport with their combined family of 5 kids and 7 grandkids. Seems simple, but this journey was not easy. Her life decisions were challenging and sometimes it seemed there was no way out. No Hope. But Barb was motivated and knew God had a plan for her in this life. She knew by 10 years old when her Catechism teachers told her that she had a glow about her that God was guiding her. Barb would always return to the church and confession, then hope would return through prayer. She prayed novenas in difficult times and the Blessed Mother Mary answered her prayers many times. She never gave in to giving up. Her perseverance was guided by God's love, and her willingness to trust in Him.

Come, bring a friend and hear Barb's story of career, family, and faith!



**NOWELA Chapter Brunch
Saturday, November 9, 2024
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Catholic Center
3500 Fairfield Avenue
Shreveport, LA 71104**

Cost \$20 per person
After Tuesday 11/5/2024
call Sandy Chapman at
(318) 222-0007 to check availability

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Your Name _____
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 Phone (____) _____ Parish _____
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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 27, 2024

"Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you." Will you share in Christ's saving mission? He may be calling you to a beautiful and sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or reach out to Director of Vocations Father Raney Johnson at rjohnson@sjbcathedral.org



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